



6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, TX 78238

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
LEON VALLEY TREE ADVISORY BOARD**

Meeting of the Leon Valley Tree Advisory Board (TAB) at 6:00 PM, on Wednesday, September 19, 2012, in the Leon Valley City Hall, at 6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, Texas.

**I. Poll for Attendance, Determination of a Quorum, and Call Meeting to Order.**

- Staff Liaison: Kristie Flores (Present)
- TAB Forester: Paul Johnson, Region Urban Texas Forester and Arborist (Present)
- Members Present: Thomas Benavides, Denise Berger, Melinda Dawson, and Mary Key
- Members Absent: Diana Sarfin and Rich Sarfin

**II. Approval of Meeting Minutes – August 23, 2012.**

- Minutes corrected and approved.

**III. Consider Action Forwarding the Leon Valley NeighborWoods Program Packet to City Council for Discussion and Consideration.**

- Kristie provided a draft copy of the NeighborWoods program for review.
  - Minor corrections were made to include the watering of the trees in the Tree Planting and Maintenance sections.
  - Final Draft will be e-mailed to all members for final review prior to presentation to the City Council on October 1, 2012.

**IV. Discuss and Consider Action for Alternatives Regarding Tree Replacement and Mitigation for Trees Removed as Part of the Bexar County Flood Management Creek Project along El Verde and Jeff Loop Roads.**

- Kristie provided a copy of Paul's tree analysis for review.
- A memorandum annotating mitigation alternatives will be presented to the City Council (possibly as early as October 1, 2012).
  - Memorandum will take into account Paul's tree analysis which is based on the following:
    - Current Plan proposed by the Bexar County Project Manager (Trees to be removed, Proposed Tree Mitigation, Landscaping, etc.). Note that the tall grasses (5 ft tall) proposed as part of the landscaping package are a concern due to security and fire.
    - Current City of Leon Valley Tree Removal Ordinance (Preservation Percentage, Heritage Replacement Penalty, etc).
  - Alternatives based on the analysis to be presented will include the following:
    - Larger number of replacement trees beyond the 150 that are currently proposed.
    - Increasing the number of trees to be planted in the 7 acre park.
    - Planting additional trees outside the project zone.
    - Reducing tree replacement size to 2" caliber and increasing the mitigation to 8,000 trees. Was computed using the city's ordinance tree mitigation size requirement (inch caliber), the proposed number/size of trees to be removed (1,297), and then converting the total inch caliber mitigation per the city ordinance to a tree size that has a higher rate of survival.

**V. Discuss Further Preparations for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Leon Valley Arbor Day Celebration – Saturday, November 10, 2012.**

- Kristie provided draft copies of the “4<sup>th</sup> Annual Leon Valley Arbor Day Celebration Flyer” and the “Children’s Poster Contest Flyer”.
- A registration form will be developed for organization wishing to participate.
  - Fee charged will cover table and chairs.
  - Non-profit organizations will be free.
- Advertisement plans are as follows:
  - A Press Release will be sent to the Express & News and Texas Public Radio.
  - Will inquire on the possibility of a Live-Remote from one of the local gardening shows.
    - Home and Garden Show (WOAI /David Rodriguez).
    - Milberger's Gardening South Texas Radio Show (KLUP/Jerry Parsons).

**VI. Executive Session in Accordance with the Texas Government Code.**

- Not required.

**VII. Adjourn**

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:25PM.
- The next meeting of the TAB is set for Wednesday, October 17, 2012, at 6:00 PM, in the Leon Valley City Hall.

  
Chairperson